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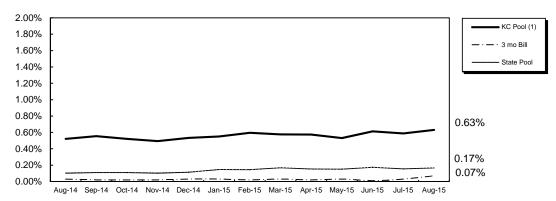
## Portfolio Breakdown

The following is a breakdown of the Investment Pool holdings for August 2015

	(	Average (\$000)	% of Portfolio
U.S. Agency Securities		2,401,307	44.3%
Commercial Paper		8,060	0.1%
Taxable Municipal Securities		-	0.0%
Bankers Acceptances			0.0%
Bank Corporate Notes		552,813	10.2%
U.S. Agency Mortgage-backed Securities		7,225	0.1%
Repurchase Agreements (Repos)		73,065	1.3%
Treasury Securities		1,918,280	35.4%
Certificates of Deposit & Overnight Deposits		-	0.0%
Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP)		456,782	8.4%
Reverse Repurchase Agreements		-	0.0%
Total		\$5,417,532	100%
*Average Pool Effective Duration	n:	1.00	Years

<sup>\*</sup>Duration is a better measure of interest rate sensitivity than average portfolio maturity.

#### **Investment Pool Performance (before Pool fees)**



(1) King County pool distribution rate has not been adjusted for realized losses (or recoveries) from impaired commercial paper investments.

#### Pool Net Asset Fair Value on August 31, 2015

Net Assets (2)	\$5,432,676,406.87	
Net Assets Consist of:		
Participant units outstanding (\$1.00 par)	\$5,428,939,230.51	
Undistributed and unrealized gains(losses)	\$3,737,176.36	
Net Assets	\$5,432,676,406.87	
Net asset value at fair value price per share		
(\$5,432,676,406.87 divided by \$5,428,939,230.51 units)	<u>\$1.0007</u>	

(2) Excludes impaired assets that have been separated into a separate pool.

#### **Investment Pool Comments:**

Asset Allocation: The pool held nearly 80% of its assets in highly-rated U.S. government securities during August, and the pool's exposure to high-quality bank notes continued to grow, reaching 10% of the pool's assets. With the greater allocation to bank notes, the pool's exposure to commercial paper and U.S. Agencies declined somewhat.

**Pool Asset Size & Return:** The pool's balance decreased by \$140 million during August, and this was due to a normal seasonal decline in the pool's balance. The pool's distribution yield was 0.63%, which was 4 basis points greater than last month's rate.

Market Value & Duration: Interest rates between six months and three years increased by about 8 basis points during the month, and this increase in rates caused the pool's market value to fall to \$3.7 million from \$7 million at the end of July. Interest rates have increased since there appears to be a chance that the Fed will increase its target rate sometime in 2015. The pool's effective duration ended the month at 1.0 years, which was down from 1.07 years at the end of July. If the Fed does increase rates, having a slightly shorter duration could be helpful to the pool's performance.

King County remains committed to sharing information with pool members. Please call the Treasury Operations number at 206-263-2821 if you have any questions.

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# Impaired Pool Holdings Report 8/31/2015

Commercial Paper Issuer	Status	Current Book Value	Estimated Fair Value	Fair Value Adjustment
Mainsail II (1)	Restructured	1,007,642.19	405,000.00	602,642.19
Cheyne Finance (1)	Restructured	787,502.14	507,750.00	279,752.14
Rhinebridge (1)	Restructured	1,885,308.88	1,134,600.00	750,708.88
VFNC Trust/Victoria Finance (2)	Restructured	11,074,399.51	6,903,496.00	4,170,903.51
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	Total	14 754 852 72	8 950 846 00	5 804 006 72

Fair value Ratio 0.6066	Fair Value Ratio	0.6066
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<sup>(1)</sup> These amounts are related to cash that was retained for DTC indemnifications and other reserves. It could be sometime in 2016 before these "tail" amounts are returned to investors, and it is possible that the amount recovered may be less than the estimate. We do expect Rhinebridge to make its final payment in 2015.

#### **Impaired Pool Comments:**

The majority of the amount remaining in the impaired pool is associated with VFNC Trust (Victoria). VFNC Trust continues to make monthly cash distributions. The monthly distribution for August totaled \$653,597.78. Including all receipts to date, brings the cash recovery rate on the original Victoria investment to 79%. Monthly distributions will continue for as long as the underlying securities in the trust continue to pay, and we expect the monthly distributions to continue for at least 5 years.

We do not foresee distributing any realized losses until it is apparent that no further cash flows will be forthcoming. The market for this type of asset is illiquid and accurate pricing is difficult to obtain. Adding the cash recoveries through August to the month-end dealer price (55) for the VFNC Trust security results in an estimated recovery rate to senior investors of about 92%, but the actual recovery rate will depend on the size and duration of the future monthly cash distributions from VFNC Trust. At the time of Victoria's restructuring the County's financial advisory estimated that by participating in the exchange offer that the overall recovery rate could be between 50 to 76 percent, and potentially higher.

The County settled all lawsuits involving the securities held in the impaired pool, and all the parties involved in these lawsuits have reached a mutually acceptable resolution by way of a negotiated settlement that will avoid protracted litigation, there was no admission of liability, and all sides are satisfied with this resolution

The King County Executive Finance Committee approved bifurcation of the investment pool as of September 1, 2008. This separated the impaired investments into their own pool distinct pool from the main pool of performing investments. The reasons for bifurcating the pool were to: (1) ensure the yield on the performing assets is not negatively impacted by the impaired investments; (2) enhance transparency about the value of the performing pool and the impaired pool; (3) ease the implementation of the restructuring processes for the impaired investments; and (4) expedite the restoration of the Standard & Poor's rating for the performing pool.

Within the impaired pool, future "tail" payments from Cheyne, Rhinebridge and Mainsail are still possible, and it now appears that Rhinebridge with make its final payment in the 4th quarter of 2015. When we determine that no further payments are probable from these impaired securities, any remaining unrealized losses will be distributed.

<sup>(2)</sup> Victoria Finance's restructuring was completed during September 2009. The name of the restructured entity is VFNC Trust, and the new entity will continue to make monthly principal and interest payments. The Estimated Fair Value amount is based on a market price from a single dealer and the county expects to recover more than this "liquidation" price by receiving regular monthly payments over the coming years.